

## DYING MAN'S STATEMENT OF FATAL MELEE

Ed Filson Charges "Nigger" John With Shooting

AT OKLAHOMA CITY

Details of Row at Close of Prize Fight.

Ed Filson, after the shooting, made the following statement at his home, it being sworn to in the presence of the coroner:

"I, Edmond Filson, being wounded by a gunshot and in fear of death, do make the following statement as my dying declaration. I was shot by a negro called 'Nigger' John, the prize-fighter. He was right close to me and commenced to shoot at the crowd, and I caught him and he shot; the first shot going to my right and the next shot fired as he was right against me. I was in a crowd with Charles Kent in a building known as Jack Brown's building, when the nigger came up and commenced to pull his gun out and I jumped for him and he pulled his gun out and commenced to fire at crowd. I said to Eddie, my brother, 'Let us get out of here.' We went out and started up the alley at the rear of the building and started west. We were running. Some one came out of the back door and pulled his gun. I started to run then the shot was fired that killed my brother. He fell forward on his face. He never spoke a word, and I pulled him out of the mud in which he had fallen. I was not armed at all, and to the best of my knowledge, Goldie had no gun. I do not know who it was that shot my brother. All of the above is true, so help me God."

The statement is signed by Edmond Filson, and sworn to before Coroner Street.

The Oklahoma gives the details of the affair as follows:

The boxing game begun in this city so early in the week came to a tragic termination last night at 10:30 in the hall in the rear of Jack Brown's building on Grand avenue. One dead and two wounded are the result. After a preliminary bout of five rounds the main event of the evening was under full swing, and at the beginning of the fourth round, Charles Kent and Ed Filson, of this city, both spectators, became engaged in a quarrel. Those who were nearby report that Filson pulled Kent out of his seat by the hair, the two having been enemies for some time. Filson's brother, Goldie, came to his assistance, driving him, and others also participated in the fight, reports varying as to the number of shots fired, some declaring that three spectators were engaged during the fight.

Dead—Goldie Filson, married, aged 25.

Wounded—Ed Filson, aged 26, shot through the lungs, will probably die.

John Wilkins, colored, shot twice in leg above knee, and once in left wrist, will recover.

A mob scene was made for the entire block, hundreds of people who composed the audience. Three windows, four doors and two stairways could not accommodate those who were anxious to get to the outside. The wounded Filson carried his dying brother to the yard in the rear of the hall, where he died a few moments later. The shots attracted the chief of police and the force on duty at headquarters across the alley, who arrived and immediately proceeded to close the doors of the place until it could be ascertained who had done the shooting.

By this time the crowd had scattered in every direction, and it was with difficulty that anything could be learned. Out in the alley Goldie Filson was lying dead, with a bullet through his head, while nearly as his brother, Ed, shot mortally through the lungs. The latter claimed that the man who shot him was John Wilkins, a colored man known about town, and a search for Wilkins revealed the fact that he was living at No. 19 California street, shot in the leg and arm and suffering from the loss of blood. On the strength of the statement made by Ed Filson, Wilkins was placed under arrest, and medical aid summoned. Ed Filson sent for a physician, saying that it was all over, but that some relief could be given during his last hours. The officers arranged at once to have his antiseptic treatment taken.

HIS MANIA FOR WALKING

Husband Leaves Family at Depot and Starts for Tennessee.

El Reno, O. T., Nov. 22.—A special dispatch from Chickasha, I. T., says that W. T. Lane, a man who went crazy at El Reno a few weeks ago, and who was officer, while en route to Chickasha with his family to reside, is making more trouble for the officers. Last night the family were at the Rock Island depot about 10 o'clock, all ready to take the passenger train back to Tennessee, where they came from. Tickets bought and baggage checked, when suddenly Lane took another spell of insanity and disappeared. Lane and his family have been living with a cousin near Naples since his arrival, and he has been behaving himself pretty well. The officers thought he had recovered his mind, and when he accompanied his family to the depot last night no special attention was paid to him, but when the time came to board the cars and he could not be found, the officers were immediately notified and a vigorous search was instituted at once.

Lane had all the tickets for the family, as his sudden insane freak has caused them much inconvenience. He also carried the family trunk, which came with him, and the officers think he has tried his usual method of walking, which he seems to much prefer to riding on a railroad train. They are still hunting for him.

WAS AFTER SWEET HONEY

Young Man of Medford Tackles Bumble Bee Fortress.

Medford, O. T., Nov. 22.—The Medford Patriot gives account of a contest, caused by a boy after bumble-bee honey.

An incident came to our knowledge last week which proves that the Oklahoma bumble bee can cause as much trouble as their brethren in the east, when we have caught and run from many a time. One of Medford's young men went out hunting a bumblebee's nest which promised a yield of well remembered

sweets. Being of a retiring disposition and wishing to elude the bumble bees with as little trouble to them (and himself) as possible, he started a small bonfire and endeavored to smoke them out. Whether the bumblebees still hummed and the nest still remains, informant says, but about twenty acres of grass, two stacks of hay and a straw stack was burned in the attempt to dislodge them. The young man contributed \$20, his savings for several months, for his attempt to get a little honey. The sweets of life generally come high.

BOY WITH BULLET IN BRAIN

Unfortunate Affair Occurs at Blackwell, O. T.

Guthrie, O. T., Nov. 22.—A most unfortunate affair occurred at Blackwell Friday. The news says:

A shooting affair occurred yesterday evening about 5 o'clock, that in all probability will end fatally. It is difficult to get the details of the affair. It seems that a number of boys were gathered on South Main street, two of them having guns, as the other boys say.

A little fellow 8 years old named Clyde Wade, son of T. S. Wade, who lives in one of Col. Blackwell's cottages, was one of the number.

The two boys who had guns were Ivan and Milan Hamblett, sons of a butcher who works in the shop under the First National bank. The boys were reckless, to say the least, in the manner of handling their guns.

The first demonstration, according to the story told by the son of O. R. Paine, who keeps a bicycle shop in the vicinity, is that they were amusing themselves by shooting at the side of the shop. They then went a little farther down the street, and Dr. Paine says they pointed a gun at his little boy, whom he made go around the house out of danger.

Finally the boys, to the number of probably half a dozen, were on the corner, when one of the Hamblett boys pointed the gun at the little Wade boy, thinking it was unloaded, and snapped it.

The other Hamblett boy said, so the story goes, "I'll shoot him," and fired, and the bullet hit the Wade boy's forehead, fired the ball, which was a .22, penetrating the head between the eyes. The wounded boy fell to the ground.

His mother, who lives near, and others ran to him and picked him up and carried him into the house. Drs. Lowery and Barber were called and tried to find the bullet, but were unable to do so.

While the shooting was probably not done with the intention of killing the boy, it looks as if it was a case of serious recklessness. At the time of the writing no arrests had been made. This is as near a straight account of the unfortunate affair as could be gathered from the conflicting stories told by the boys present.

Dr. Lowery was seen this morning and he stated that the bullet had gone right through the brain and lodged in the back of the head. He did not think the child could live.

WOMAN SUES FOR DAMAGES

Mrs. Harrison of Lawton Charges Attorney With Assault.

Guthrie, O. T., Nov. 22.—The Lawton News says that the request to the arrest of M. M. Duncan for assault on Mrs. M. F. Harrison, is the filing of a civil suit by that woman for \$100 damages. The suit has been filed in the district court.

The petition alleges two grounds for the recovery of damages. One is that M. M. Duncan beat her with his fists. It will be remembered that Duncan was arrested on the charge of assaulting this woman, but the case was dismissed on a technicality. It was supposed at that time that the matter had been compromised outside of court.

The other grounds for the \$100 petition is that since the assault M. M. Duncan has talked about the good name of the plaintiff, and damaged her character.

Mrs. M. F. Harrison formerly kept a rooming house on Avenue B, in a building owned by her. Trouble was supposed to have started over the publishing of a local notice in a divorce suit, instituted by Mrs. Harrison. M. M. Duncan is an attorney, and owns considerable property.

TOOK BURGLAR BY SURPRISE

Shawnee Man Gets Out of Bed to Have One Arrested.

Guthrie, O. T., Nov. 22.—The Shawnee Quill has an account of some good work done by a citizen of that city:

About 1 o'clock this morning Sam Harris, the wholesale and retail liquor dealer, who lives in the corner of Oklahoma and Ninth streets, was awakened from his slumber by some one walking over the floor, and when he jumped out of bed and brushed the "dearly larks" from his eyes he saw a tall stranger (Mr. Harris says he must have been eight feet high) standing before him.

Mr. Harris says that his first impulse was to ask the man who he wanted and to state to him that the money and jewels of the household were in the store safe, and just at that moment Mr. Harris reached his gun in the follow's face and said: "Don't you move an inch. I'll have them bring the stuff up here." And going to the telephone instead of calling the "store," Sam turned in a police alarm and in a "jiffy" two "blue coats" were on the spot.

The burglar was taken to the calaboose and took him to the calaboose.

SHE IS CHARGED WITH BIGAMY

Judge Ponceast Deals With Woman With Two Husbands.

Guthrie, O. T., Nov. 22.—The Atoka Patriot says: At the last term of district court Judge Ponceast granted a divorce decree to Mrs. Emma Hall upon conditions that she must not marry for six months after that date. Apparently she had little sense of what justice implies, for in less than a month she married J. Cram, of Carman. Her action rendered the decree null and void upon the strength of his conditions and the court holds that she has two lawful husbands.

She has been arrested on the charge of bigamy and must stand for the folly of her adventures. This looks like a clear case and unless court decisions are playful things can be but one result.

THIEF TOOK SHOT AT HIM

Colored Man at Edmond Is Kept Away from His Own Barn.

Guthrie, O. T., Nov. 22.—The Edmond Enterprise says that Warren Cherry, a colored man who lives in the Hartzell neighborhood, had a narrow escape from being shot by a thief. His dog was making a fuss, and Cherry started to see what was the matter. The thief came out of the barn and shot at Cherry, who says he stopped right there as he thought he might be shot in the belly and killed.

The next morning he went to the barn and found a strange brute on one of the horses. Horse thieves seem to be very bold of late. Wm. Adams had a mule taken recently, and it is thought that it was extremely turned loose and was coming home when a searching party found it.

## DEMOCRATS VOTED FOR STATEHOOD

Democratic Organ of Kingfisher County Explains.

WHY CROSS LOST OUT

Gives Figures to Show Reasoning True.

Guthrie, O. T., Nov. 22.—The feeling of a great part of the Democratic press in Oklahoma on the alleged fraud in the last election is voiced by Miles W. Judge, editor of the Kingfisher Times, the official paper of Kingfisher county. Editor Judge writes:

"Numerous persons have asked for an explanation as to how Mr. McGuire received 14 more votes in the official canvass than was accredited to him by the campaign managers. This is easily explained by the mere statement that the number of legal voters in Oklahoma, not counting Indians, as shown by the 1900 census, was about 106,000. The falling off this year, if the estimate is correct, would make the vote for delegate in congress about the same, comparatively, as two years ago, or approximately 70,000. The vote in the three new counties is figured independently of the vote of two years ago, as those counties have been created since that time. King county had 6,700 votes in 1900, but cast only about 4,800 last week.

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Officers are Chosen for Railroad at Meeting at El Reno.

El Reno, O. T., Nov. 22.—The Oklahoma Central and St. Louis Railroad company was formally organized in this city Thursday by the election of officers and directors, says the American. W. S. McCaul, of Kansas City, is president, formerly connected with the Illinois Central and other eastern roads; Louis C.

derwood, late with the Buffalo and Pittsburg railroad, was made secretary. Two El Reno gentlemen are on the directorate, H. E. Hopkins and George W. Willis. This company was incorporated at Guthrie about thirty days ago with a capital stock of \$15,000,000. The road will be run from St. Louis into Oklahoma via Bartlesville, I. T., Pawhuska, Pawnee, Stillwater, Guthrie and El Reno, thence west and southwest to Texas, and Colorado. The road will be 80 miles in length, and cover Oklahoma especially.

DECREASE OF OVER 2,000

Vote in Kay County for 1900 and 1902 Figured Out.

Guthrie, O. T., Nov. 22.—The Republican Journal of Newkirk figures out a decrease of over 2,000 votes cast in Kay county in 1902, as compared with 1900.

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Rules Governing the Disposal of Indian Allotments.

LOTS OF TECHNICALITIES

Which are Provided to Protect the Redman.

Guthrie, O. T., Nov. 22.—Indian agents in Oklahoma have received the rules relating to the disposal of inherited Indian allotments as amended by the acting commissioner of Indian affairs, A. C. Tonner. The new regulations are much more extensive than those originally issued a few months ago and provide as nearly as possible absolute protection for the Indian heirs. They exact an assignment of all tracts, which heirs may desire to be sold. This assignment is kept sealed. Then the lands are advertised and sealed bids received for the same. The highest and best bidder secures the land if the Indian rights have been protected, subject to the approval of the secretary of the interior. Following are the principal provisions of the new regulations:

Owners of such lands desiring to sell the same may petition the Indian agent or other officer having charge, praying that the land may be sold. The petition shall be signed by all the lawful heirs. A copy of such petition shall be forwarded to the commissioner of Indian affairs and the land described therein will be listed for sale.

When any tract has been so listed, the Indian agent, when competent from his general personal knowledge of the value of the land, shall view and appraise the same at its true value, according to his best judgment. If such officer is not competent, he shall require the appraisal to be made by the most competent officer or officers under his charge. A certificate of said appraisal signed by the person making it shall be sealed and not opened until the sealed bids are opened. The appraisal shall be made public, but no bids less than the appraised value shall be considered. Bids will be received by such agent, or other officer in charge, at his office for any lands so listed at any time before the day on which the bids are opened. No bidder shall be permitted to include more than one allotment in any bid.

Each bid must be accompanied by a duly certified check on some solvent bank payable to the commissioner of Indian affairs for the use of the grantors, for 25 per cent of the amount offered, as a guarantee of the faithful performance by the bidder, of his proposition. If he fails to bid, he shall forfeit the check, and if he fails to comply with the terms of his bid, such check shall be forfeited to the owners of the land.

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved, and bids will only be accepted subject to the approval of the owners of the land.

The deed or other instrument of conveyance must be executed in the presence of two subscribing witnesses and acknowledged before the Indian agent.

Such deed or instrument of conveyance, when submitted to the secretary's approval must be accompanied by the original petition, the appraisal, all bids and checks relating to the lands sold. By a certificate signed by two members of a business committee, if there be such, or by at least two recognized chiefs, or by two or more reliable members of the tribe, setting forth that the original allottee is dead, also by a certificate from the agent, that the contents, purport, and effect of the deed of conveyance were explained to and fully understood by the grantors; that the consideration specified in the deed is a fair price for the land; that the conveyance is free from fraud or deception.

The affidavits of the grantors and the grantee must accompany such deed, showing that there is no agreement or understanding whereby the consideration, money or any portion thereof is to be refunded to the purchaser nor any thing else to be taken in lieu of said consideration of money, or any portion thereof, for each land. Each deed must be accompanied by an affidavit of the grantee, stating that he is not a party to any association or combination of persons to acquire lands under said law at less than their fair value or to prevent open and fair competition in the purchase and sale of lands.

ACQUITTED OF PERJURY

G. L. Lamar is Cleared at Lawton by a Jury.

Guthrie, O. T., Nov. 22.—The jury in the G. L. Lamar case met at Lawton Tuesday and delivered a verdict of acquittal. After the recording and filing of the verdict, the defendant and his husband were discharged.

G. L. Lamar was charged with perjury because in a case involving a quarry west of the city, he swore he had not seen the monument which marked the corners of the mineral claim.

BANK OF FAY

Woods County Institution Will Begin Business This Week.

Guthrie, O. T., Nov. 22.—The Woods County News says that the Bank of Fay will open for business next week with G. B. Williams of Clay, president; F. N. Winslow of Carleton, vice-president, and W. D. Bewings of Billings, cashier, with a capital stock of \$100,000. Pay is located two miles from the town of Belton on the R. E. & A. W. R. R., which will be opened on January 1st, and Fay will be moved over. Messrs. Williams, Bewings and Bewings were down there last week making arrangements to open up. We predict a good business for this bank, with the parties who are to run it.

KATY HAS CHANGED ROUTE

New Survey is Said to be by Way of Norman.

Guthrie, O. T., Nov. 22.—It is reliably reported that the Katy has decided that the route via Franklin and Denver to the southeastern branch from Oklahoma City will not do, and has abandoned it. Says the Norman Transcript, its surveys are now running a line from Shawnee to Oklahoma City, and will also survey via Norman, and will select the best and cheapest route of these two. The objection to the Little River route (the